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SUBJECT: CAMBODIA RICE AIRLIFT

1. WE ARE PRESENTLY DISCUSSING WITH AIR AMERICA LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE FEASIBILITY OF OPERATING SAIGON ASSIGNED C-7 A AIRCRAFT FOR RICE AIRLIFTS TO KOMPONG- THOM AND SVAY RIENG STARTING JULY 1, 1973. BECAUSE THESE AIRCRAFT ARE COVERED BY AIR AMERICA VN-100 CONTRACT, WE ARE TOLD COST ESTIMATES CAN BE FURNISHED TO US ONLY BY USAID/ SAIGON.

2. AIRLIFT OPERATION AS PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED WOULD INVOLVE FOLLOWING AIRCRAFT UTILIZATION:

A. FROM PHNOM PENH TO SVAY RIENG. TWO C-7 A AIRCRAFT EACH MAKING 6 TRIPS DAILY TO AIRLIFT 16.2 METRIC TONS OR TOTAL 32.4 MT PER DAY. EIGHT BLOCK HOURS REQUIRED PER DAY PER AIRCRAFT INCLUDING POSITIONING. WE ESTIMATE 30 WORKING DAYS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO AIRLIFT 972 MT PER MONTH WITH TOTAL 480 BLOCK HOURS PER MONTH FOR TWO AIRCRAFT.

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B. FROM PHNOM PENH TO KOMPONG- THOM. ONE C-7 A MAKING 6 TRIPS DAILY TO AIRLIFT 16.2 MT AND REQUIRING 8.5 BLOCK HOURS WITH POSITIONING. TO AIRLIFT 242 MT PER MONTH WOULD REQUIRE 15 WORKDAYS OR TOTAL 127.5 BLOCK HOURS PER MONTH.

3. IF BATTAMBANG IS SELECTED AS ALTERNATE LOADING POINT WE PROJECT FOLLOWING AIRCRAFT UTILIZATION:

A. TO SVAY RIENG. FOUR C-7 A AIRCRAFT EACH MAKING 3 TRIPS DAILY TO AIRLIFT 8.1 MT OR TOTAL 32.1 MT PER DAY. BLOCK HOURS WOULD BE 8.6 PER AIRCRAFT PER DAY WITH POSITIONING. THUS, 30 WORKING DAYS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO AIRLIFT 963 MT WITH TOTAL 1.032 BLOCK HOURS PER MONTH FOR FOUR AIRCRAFT.

B. TO KOMPONG THOM. ONE C-7 A MAKING 4 TRIPS DAILY TO AIRLIFT 10.8 MT, AND REQUIRING 8.35 BLOCK HOURS WITH POSITIONING. TO AIRLIFT 238 MT PER MONTH WOULD REQUIRE 22 WORKDAYS OR TOTAL 184 BLOCK HOURS PER MONTH.

4. REQUEST USAID/ SAIGON CABLE ADVICE PRIORITY FOLLOWING:

A. COST ESTIMATE CAMBODIA AIRLIFT OPERATION WITH SAIGON ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT UNDER AIR AMERICA VN-100 CONTRACT PER ABOVE DATA.

B. COST ESTIMATE SAME OPERATION BY AIR AMERICA BUT WITH GFE.
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